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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:

Robert Billingsley

Serial No.: 09/954,891

Filed: September 18, 2001

Title: METHOD APPARATUS FOR  
HORIZONTAL DRILLING OIL RECOVERY



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Attorney Docket No.: 121953.0001.001

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**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY**  
**(37 CFR 10.40(c))**

**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW**

1. I, an attorney signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case in accordance with 37 CFR 1.36.

**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF CLIENT**

2. The last known mailing address of the inventor is:

MR. ROBERT BILLINGSLEY  
6303 Pleasant Stream  
Katy, Texas 77449

**BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

3. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 CFR 10.40(c):

Section VI. The Petitioner's client has failed to pay one or more bills rendered by the Petitioner for an unreasonable period of time, has failed to honor an agreement to pay for the performance of legal services, and by other conduct renders it unreasonably difficult for the Petitioner to carry out the employment effectively.

Section VI. Since the beginning of the representation, applicant has repeatedly promised to pay for the services rendered. These promises to pay have not been met. Rather, repeatedly ignored the bills sent. It has been over a year and the applicant still has not paid. In addition to letters and bills, Mark A. Tidwell (attorney of record) has spoken with Mr. Billingsley personally about the bill, but to no avail. Mr. Billingsley promises payment, but payment is never forwarded.

ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT

4. Status of this application: Abandoned on July 26, 2005 for failure to reply to Office letter mailed on January 13, 2005.

NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT

5. In accordance with 37 CFR 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including any attachments, is being sent to the client. A copy of the letter to the client is attached hereto.

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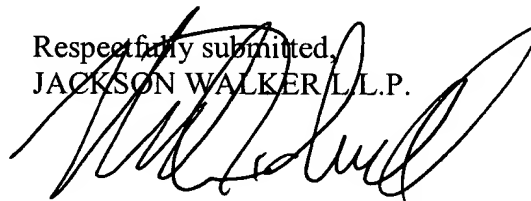
6. This request is enclosed in triplicate.

SIGNATURE OF WITHDRAWING ATTORNEY

7. Signatures of the attorneys withdrawing or signature of an authorized attorney on behalf of all attorneys withdrawing:

Mark A. Tidwell, Reg. #37,456;

Respectfully submitted,  
JACKSON WALKER L.L.P.



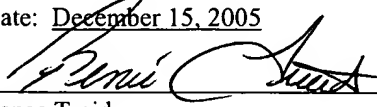
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September 21, 2005

**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS DELIVERY**

Mr. Robert Billingsley  
6303 Pleasant Stream  
Katy, Texas 77449

Re: Termination of Representation

Dear Mr. Billingsley:

This letter will serve as formal notice of termination by Jackson Walker L.L.P. of its representation of you in any legal capacity. Part of our basis for this termination is that you have failed to pay any invoice since July 19, 2004 and you currently owe the firm approximately \$5,271.53 in past due invoices.

Enclosed is a copy of our Request for Withdrawal filed with the U.S. Patent Office on September 21, 2005.

We are currently in possession of the following files which were created during our representation of you:

U.S. Provisional Patent Appln. No. 60/233,115 – Filed: September 18, 2000  
“METHOD APPARATUS FOR HORIZONTAL DRILLING AND  
OIL RECOVERY”

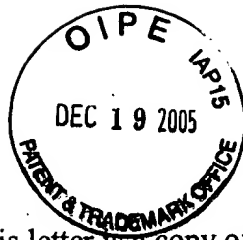
U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Appln. No. 09/954,891 – Filed: September 18, 2001  
“METHOD APPARATUS FOR HORIZONTAL DRILLING AND  
OIL RECOVERY”

U.S. Continuation Appln. No. 11/079,705 – Filed: March 14, 2005  
“METHOD APPARATUS FOR HORIZONTAL DRILLING AND  
OIL RECOVERY”

Please let me know within seven business days to whom you would like these files to be forwarded. If we do not hear from you within this time period, we will forward the files to you at the address shown on the top of this letter.

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San Antonio

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Enclosed with this letter is a copy of an Office Action dated June 27, 2005 from the Examiner. A response to the Office Action is due on September 27, 2005 although you can obtain an extension of time for up to December 27, 2005. You should make arrangements with your new counsel to review this Office Action immediately and determine an appropriate response. Failure to respond by the deadline could result in abandonment of the application.

Because the lawyer-client relationship between us has ceased, we will have no further obligation to advise you in connection with these matters or as to future legal developments that may have a bearing on these matters.

Please contact me via e-mail or by telephone as to where you would like us to send your files. Again, if I do not hear from you prior to **September 23, 2005**, I will send your files to the above-listed address.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Tidwell

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Enclosures

cc: Bob Curfiss